



FOR YOUR INFORMATION
by Mayor Mike Callahan

*Call 301-773-0248 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.*

New Councilmember from Ward 5: Sandra Rogers was sworn in as the new Councilmember from Ward 5 during the August 8th Town Meeting. Sandra originally expressed an interest in becoming a Town Councilmember during a CPACT meeting held at the Cheverly Station apartments. After submitting her resume, the Town Council unanimously voted to appoint her to the open Town Council seat during the July 25th work session.

The council is excited to have a representative from Ward 5. Sandra has expressed an interest in better integrating residents from the Cheverly Station apartments into Cheverly community activities and this will be one of her first priorities. The Town Council and all the residents of Cheverly welcome Sandra and thank her for stepping forward.

Back to School - Please Drive Carefully: By the time this Newsletter is published our children will have already returned to school. Please respect the safety of our children and slow down. As a driver, I know that small children do not always react rationally near streets, so it is our responsibility to drive defensively and slow down.

Thank You!

The Pointe@Cheverly Agreement Extended: The County Redevelopment Authority voted to approve a three year extension of the existing purchase agreement for the land where the The Pointe@Cheverly will be built. As chroni-

cled in the Newsletter for the last three months and for many years before that, Republic Properties plans to build quality condominiums on the vacant land near the Howard Johnson's.

This plan has been in place since 2003 and Republic has already completed the Preliminary and Detailed Site Plan process. Republic is ready to break ground when the economic conditions are present. However, since 2007 when the housing crisis occurred the economic conditions have not existed for the developer to begin construction.

The Redevelopment Authority expressed reasonable concerns that the development would never be built and expressed a need for concessions from the builder regarding: metrics when construction would begin, increased deposits and increased contributions to maintenance expenses. These conditions were met and Republic received a 3 year extension of the current purchase contract from the Redevelopment Authority.

If this agreement hadn't been completed, Republic would have had to purchase the property immediately or else control of the property would have reverted to the Redevelopment Authority who would have explored other alternatives. While never explicitly discussed, Cheverly had concerns regarding the alternative development that might be placed on this property.

The Town of Cheverly has worked for the completion of this project since 1998 and has a vested interest in it's completion. Completion of the project would diversify the Town's tax base by increasing revenues associated with Property and Income taxes.

What is a TIF? I suspect I will be writing about a TIF for many newsletters to come when construction of the Pointe@Cheverly nears. Well then, "What is a TIF?". A TIF is an acronym for Tax Increment Financing, and it is used by governments around the country to create incentives for developers to build in specific areas. In Maryland current law allows for government entities to utilize a TIF when it is required to meet either a "public use or a public good". This law is similar to many around the country and was put in place by Cheverly resident David Harrington when he was a State Senator. Given the current condition of the property, and it's condition prior to the demolition of the buildings on site, the property clearly meets the "public good" hurdle of the law.

I have been asked by some residents to review the financing assumptions discussed in 2007 when construction was near, and to provide specific focus on the need for a TIF. I have reached back to 2007 Newsletters and found much of the information below. Please note that all numbers will need to be revisited as construction nears, but this gives a reasonable framework to the TIF conversation:

*....The developer is responsible for the financing of the entire construction of the building (\$78M), but requires assistance with the underground Parking Garage due to the extreme terracing of the site. The estimated cost for the garage is 14M. Prince George's County and the Town of Cheverly will be asked to issue 10.8M in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Bonds to finance part of the cost of the parking garage. Unlike ordinary bonds which are general obligations, payable from the government's general tax revenue., **TIF bonds are repaid only from the property taxes of the site being redeveloped**. They are not otherwise general obligations of the town.*

Q: So how does the Town pay for these bonds, if not from general revenues?

A: As you might expect the town currently receives very little property tax revenue from the existing vacant land. Once the condominiums are built, 2007 projections show the property would be valued at \$83M and the town would receive \$364,000 in annual property tax revenue from the

property. The Town would be required to repay the TIF with the revenue generated specifically from this property's tax increase. Again, 2007 projections showed us dedicating \$234,000 to an annual repayment of the TIF, which would allow the town to retain \$130,000. The 2007 projection called for significant increases in property values over thirty years based on inflation, that would generate dramatically greater revenues for the town. However, even without increases associated with inflation, the Town would be able to repay the bond and receive additional property tax revenue for our general fund.

Q: What happens if the project fails, what is the responsibility of the Town?

A: Great question, as the TIF is not written yet there is no firm answer. However, the assumption in 2007 was the Town would never sign an agreement if there was a requirement to use existing general revenues for repayment of the Bond.

Q: You mentioned "diversification of the Town's revenue base" is the \$130,000 in property tax the only additional revenue?

A: The term of the bond would be 30 years, and so after 30 years the Town would receive all the property tax revenues from the property. So some Town Council in the distant future will be pleased with the additional revenues after the bond is repaid.

However, there are revenue streams such as; income tax and telecommunication taxes. Projections from 2007 show the town could receive an additional \$120,000 in revenue from these sources.

Given Cheverly's existing property base, a one cent increase in property tax rate nets the town \$50,000 in additional property tax revenue. Therefore, given these conservative projections The Pointe@Cheverly could generate as much revenue for the town as a five cent tax rate increase would on Cheverly's existing property base.

Much more to come.

How can I find out more about the Pointe@Cheverly?

During this process many people asked members of the Town Council, "What the heck is the Pointe@Cheverly?". We realized that the process had been going on so long that many new residents had never heard of it and many older residents had already forgotten it was a possibility

Therefore, a presentation on The Pointe@Cheverly is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 12th, at 7:00pm in Town Hall. This is one hour prior to the regular Town Meeting, so we will be including this presentation in the standard Town Meeting replays for those of you who can't make it. However, please attend, so we can have an interactive session.

I Don't Have Cable, How Can I View Town Meetings?:

Well folks the Town of Cheverly has now entered the Internet Age. Okay, so we are a few years late, but as Mom said "better later than never.....".

Please check out Cheverly's new capability to view Town Meetings via the internet. You can go to the Town Website and click on Town Meetings, then Town Broadcasts and then scroll to the bottom of the page and click "play". Or you can just click on: http://cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_meetingbroadcasts

The best feature of the internet version of the meeting is that it is indexed so you don't have to listen to the entire meeting, just those topics you are interested in. So please try out this new feature and check out the discussion on the Pointe@Cheverly after the September 12th meeting.

A Green Street in Cheverly?: No, contrary to rumors the town is not going to paint our streets green in honor of one Irish Mayor. Then what the heck is a Green Street, you might ask? Here's a definition from Portland, Oregon: *A Green Street manages storm water runoff as a resource rather than a waste. Green Streets are landscaped street-side planters or swales that capture storm water runoff and allow it to soak into the ground allowing soil and vegetation to filter pollutants. This replenishes groundwater supplies that feed fresh, cool water to rivers and streams.*

The Cheverly Town Council and the Green Infrastructure committee have long wanted to pursue implementing Green Streets in Cheverly. Given Cheverly's tradition of being at the forefront of environmental issues and our proximity to the Anacostia Watershed implementing Green Streets is a logical action. However, due to budget constraints associated with planning efforts the town has not made much progress.

Recently, the Town Administrator and Public Works Director approached the Town Council with an idea. Given the significant WSSC street disruptions and the need to repair roads, wouldn't now be the right time to try and implement this idea? The Town has long requested that the county address storm water issues at the intersection of Greenleaf and Crest Avenue due to damaged pipes. Given existing WSSC construction in this area; maybe Cheverly could partner with WSSC and the County to implement a Green Street, especially given the beautiful central green space along Crest Avenue.

The Town Council approved the staff's request to explore this concept and begin discussions with WSSC and the County. Meetings began during the month of August. There are no specific plans available to review at this point but conceptually we would direct water from Crest Avenue into the island near Greenleaf. The Council does not approve of creating a standing water feature, instead we plan to have storm water filter through natural features prior to emptying into the storm drains. A key priority will be to ensure the island continues to be an attractive area for the community.

This topic will be covered in upcoming newsletters and every resident in the area will be communicated with, IF the project is perused. Stand by!

Watershed Protection and Restoration Program: Speaking of improving the Anacostia Watershed, the County Council recently passed legislation that would dedicate funding to the improvement of the Anacostia. A new fee was added to your tax bill that is dedicated to remediating over 8,000 acres of impervious surface. Funding from this program will be dedicated exclusively to retrofitting parking lots, roads and roofs with various treatment devices that will naturally filter out pollutants from storm water. A flyer explaining the program should have been included with your Tax Bill. However, if you missed the flyer it can be found on the Town website in the News and Announcements section.

The standard annual fee for a typical Cheverly resident will be \$41.38. As the program is rolled out there will be opportunities to avoid the fee by implementing water management plans on your property such as rain barrels or rain gardens.

Obviously a Green Street effort here in Cheverly would help the county meet its goals. We are hopeful that we can work with the county and WSSC to develop a model project for a repeatable process when WSSC is disturbing roads.

Movable Speed Cameras: If the measure of success for the Cheverly Speed Camera program is a decrease in speeding, then Cheverly's program is a smashing success. Speeding Tickets issued along Cheverly Avenue have dropped precipitously which translates to greater public safety along the corridor. However, complaints about speeding still occur on other roads throughout town.

The Town Council's original intent when they authorized the Speed Camera program was to move the cameras around town, particularly nearer to our schools. However, our original vendor, Optotrafic, was not able to support this requirement primarily because their LIDAR technology required striping in the center of the road. This limited our roll-out of the cameras to Cheverly Avenue.

Our current vendor can deploy the cameras on side roads as they use standard radar technology that does not require striping. Additionally, their equipment is much smaller allowing it to be placed on smaller locations. ***Town Staff has developed a list of locations where the cameras can be deployed and they are published in this Newsletter.***

Trees in Gast Park: Every resident I have spoken to has expressed concern regarding the removal of some large trees from Gast Park. I assure you the Town Council shares that concern and is saddened that the age and health of the trees in the park caused the Town Staff to take this action.

We will be replacing the trees in the fall with other canopy trees, and we will plant taller trees than we normally do to jump start the growing process. Please remember that these taller trees have a lower survival rate so we may have to replant later.

Private Property Tree Planting Program: If you are concerned about Cheverly's shrinking tree canopy please call the Public Works Department at (301) 773-2666 and order a free canopy tree for your yard. The Public Works staff

will come to your yard (back or front) and plant it for you. This is the best deal in town.

As Smokey the Bear would say, "only you... can rebuild Cheverly's Tree Canopy". I know many of us love flowering trees such as Cherry Trees and Crepe Myrtles but we all need to consider planting the canopy trees that have earned us the right to be part of the Tree City, USA program.

Sidewalks: Earlier this year there was a discussion about pedestrians walking in the streets and the potential danger that creates. At that time, we discussed the need for better care of our sidewalks in an effort to have residents choose to walk on the sidewalks instead of roads. Public Works continues to mill our sidewalks and repair them where needed. The Town Council also dedicated extra funding to transform more corner curbs to handicapped accessible curbs in this year's budget in an effort to ease the crossing of streets.

However, a resident recently mentioned that one of the biggest issues that prevents pedestrians from using the sidewalks is the overgrowth of shrubs, bushes and grass. The overgrowth encroaches on sidewalks and prevents people from being able to walk side by side, forcing pedestrians into the street. Please trim your shrubs and bushes appropriately (8 to 12 inches from the sidewalk) to allow people to pass. We have asked the Code Enforcement officer to be more attentive to these sidewalk impediments.

Dog Waste: I want to thank the vast majority of pet owners who are so diligent in cleaning up after their pets. Virtually every Dog Walker I see is armed with some form of bag or tool to clean up after their pet.

However, we still receive complaints about some folks who are not so diligent. Many of the complaints are focused on community park lands where pet owners let their pets run free and feel that there is less of a need to clean up after them. This is simply not true. Our children play sports and run in these parks and they do not have the opportunity to watch every step they take. So please be as diligent in our parks as you are on the streets.

In an effort to remind and re-enforce this need, the Town Council is considering placing Pet Waste Stations equipped with waste bags in park areas. Hopefully, these stations will be approved in the August Worksession and deployed this fall.

New Town Park Plan Approved: Thanks to every resident who provided their input either at a Farmer's Market or Cheverly Day (we didn't have too many residents come to the Town Meetings). In the August 8th Town Meeting the Town Council adopted the modified Town Park Plan. The plan keeps the basic infrastructure intact. However the following changes are included in the plan: a new stage with grassy arena seating, a new playground, transforming the existing tennis courts to multi-use courts focusing on basketball, transforming the existing basketball courts to a picnic area, adding more accessible pathways, & a focus on Green Concepts for soil management and erosion control.

Special Thanks to the Green Infrastructure Committee, particularly Sheila Salo, for working so hard to gather community input.

WSSC Work Continues: As my neighbors know all too well, WSSC work continues through-out town. I appreciate everyone's patience as we deal with the early morning noise, torn up streets, occasional brown water and sometimes no water. The good news is we are getting updated infrastructure and some new streets.

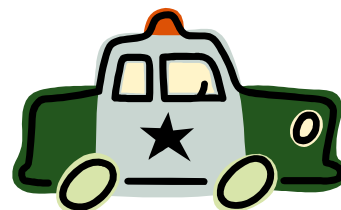
For the most part WSSC has worked well with the Town and it's residents, however there have been occasions when communication has been lacking or the crews have left property sites in poor shape. Since much of the infrastructure repair of sidewalks, property and streets will occur at the end of the project the Town is keeping a list of all required repairs so we can manage them with WSSC. If you have issues and want to make sure you are included on the list, than please call Public Works at (301) 773-2666.

Reading the Newsletter Can Be Rewarding: Huh, what's this? You're probably saying to yourself, "I know it's my civic duty to read the Newsletter, but I'm not so sure it's rewarding. This Mayor of ours is just a little bit off." While that might be true, it is also true that reading the newsletter can be rewarding. Just by reading this month's FYI, you could get a free tree or avoid a speeding ticket. Not bad!! However, if you got this far AND you are still awake enough to dial 301-773-0248 and leave your name and number you could receive a \$5.00 certificate to the Community Market if you are one of the first five people to call.

POTENTIAL SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS IN CHEVERLY, MARYLAND

The Town of Cheverly's Police Department has identified key enforcement zones across their municipality. These sites were selected and validated to be areas of high incidents of speeding and where the cameras would be of greatest effect. Cheverly's Police Department's strategy had always been to gain the greatest effect by electing to enforce only a selected number of enforcement sites at any given time. Though not all sites listed below are locations currently being enforced, all qualify as candidates as future enforcement.

- Cheverly Avenue
- 63rd Place
- Forest Road
- Parkway
- 63rd Avenue
- Joslyn Street
- Jason Street



RECYCLING TOTALS July 2013

Curb Recycling— 56.02 tons
Electronic Recycling — 6 pallets
Appliances - 8





Mayor Mike Callahan swearing in Sandra Rogers as the new Councilmember for Ward 5



Jennifer Daniels, Chev Prom Chair presenting \$500 to Steve Brennan representing the American Legion



Jennifer Daniels, Chev Prom Chair presenting \$500 to Gladys Noon Spellman School PTA President Ms. Eldridge and GNS PE Teacher.

FINES FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING

The Public Works Department will start issuing \$400 fines for any dumping/leaving hazardous waste on Town Property (Outside Public Works Yard). We accept used motor oil only.

The County offers free hazardous waste disposal days for County residents every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7:30am—3:30pm. Items accepted include:

Cleaners, Paint Thinners, Solvents, Oil Based paints, Insecticides, Herbicides, Used Motor Oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, car batteries, chemistry sets. Photographic chemicals, swimming pools chemicals, cooking oil, and appliances. Scrap Tires—maximum 5 tires no larger than 17" in size per year.

BUILDING USAGE

Building Usage meeting for gym is scheduled for Thrs. September 12 at 7PM in the Conference room.

CHEVERLY RECREATION COUNCIL

The first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday Sept 24, at 7PM in the Conference Room at the Community Center. It's an open meeting, we like to see new faces and get some new ideas. Topics of discussion will be the Fall Flea Market on Sat. Oct. 5 and the summer playground.



Public Works Crew installing new asphalt at the PW yard.



Public Works Employee installing new outdoor shelving to hold plows and seasonal items.

Need help with YARD WORK? To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc. Cheverly teenagers can call the town office 301-773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list

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| Aswan Mangrum | 301-609-0585 |
| Ben Hartmann | 301-772-6596 |
| Dorian Dixon | 301-322-1075 |
| Malik & Tyreq McAdoo | 301-832-1576 |
| Andrew Priest | 301-772-6028 |

PRIVATE PROPERTY PLANTING PROGRAM

The Town is once again sponsoring their "Private Property Planting Program". We will provide and plant a Tree in your yard at no cost to you. Go on line at www.cheverly-md.gov and find the Public Works site, print out the Tree Agreement and drop this form off at Pubic Works. We will call you when trees come in and will drop a yellow flag for you to designate where in your yard you want your new tree. Trees available this fall will include the following:

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| American Holly | Pin Oak |
| Black Tupelo | Redbud |
| Dogwood (white) | Red Maple |
| Hackberry | River Birch |
| Northern Red Oak | Serviceberry |
| Swamp White Oak | Sycamore |
| Tulip Poplar | Willow Oak |
| Yoshino Cherry | White Oak |
| Crape Myrtle (pink/white/lavender) | |



FALL FLEA MARKET



The Fall Flea Market, sponsored by the Recreation Council, will be held on Saturday, October 5th from 9am to 2pm at the Community Center. Tables are \$15 and reser-

vations start Tuesday September 3rd. Call Barbara 301-773-5883.

The Fall Market is very popular and tables go fast, so make reservations early! There will be plenty of bargains, good food and fresh baked goods for sale. See you **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th** rain or shine— Event is indoors.

Meeting Agendas are updated on website: www.cheverly-md.gov and on Cheverly cable channel 71.

**Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35.
Re-broadcast everyday at noon 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM**

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted

ACTIONS TAKEN

Worksession - July 25, 2013

- ◇ Motion CM Riazi that we support the request for a Variance V-48-13 at 5607 Lockwood Rd. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved. 5-0
- ◇ Motion CM Cook to award a grant of \$250 to the Cheverly Parents Resource Committee for the purchase of school supplies for Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved.
- ◇ Motion CM Riazi to close the meeting to discuss a potential land acquisition. Seconded CM Thorpe. Approved 5-0.
- ◇ Motion CM Thorpe to open meeting. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved. 5-0.
- ◇ Motion CM Riazi to approve up to \$500 for the licensing fee for the Cheverly My App. Seconded CM Thorpe . Approved. 5-0.

Town Meeting - August 8, 2013

- ◇ Motion CM Cook to adopt Resolution R-2-13 Amending the Town Park Master Plan. CM Coolen seconded. Approved 6-0
- ◇ Motion CM Rogers to adopt Ordinance O-6-13 Amending Section 20-4, Dangerous Weapons. CM Thorpe seconded. Approved 6-0
- ◇ Motion CM Eldridge to adopt resolution R-3-13 Adopting the Amended I-Net Committee by Laws. CM Coolen seconded. Approved 6-0.
- ◇ Motion CM Riazi to authorize the sending of a letter of thanks for their support and final vote to the Prince George's county Redevelopment Authority. CM Rogers seconded. Approved 6-0.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Worksession - August 22, 2013

- ◇ Discussion O-7-13 Dangerous Weapons
- ◇ Budget Adjustment - yard waste Cost reduction
- ◇ Program Open Space Project Update
- ◇ Dog Waste Stands
- ◇ Community Organization Session in Ward 5
- ◇ NPS Homes in Ward 1
- ◇ Approval of Letter to WSSC Re: Cheverly Ave.

**THE CHEVERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT,
AND ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS, PRESENT.....**

THE 6th ANNUAL CHEVERLY PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

When: Wednesday, September 25, 2013, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Town Park, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785

Purpose: To celebrate the critical partnership that the public safety community has with Cheverly and its residents.

Primary Sponsor: 3 BROTHERS of Bladensburg, Maryland
(Hot dogs, chips, and candy for the kids!)

Everyone is invited to a wonderful evening of free food, music, police and fire department demonstrations, including a police helicopter, motorcycles, and horses, and an exciting recreation of an emergency vehicle extraction by the Berwyn Heights Fire Department. In addition, there will be "Mandy the Clown" and balloon twisters for the kids, firearms displays, and the opportunity to fire the CPD's FN 303 semi-automatic less-lethal launcher. Please post this flyer in a conspicuous place so you remember to attend.

Anyone who wishes to donate a baked good or offer their services as a volunteer or vendor should contact Chief Buddy Robshaw at (301) 341-1055 or fill out the information below. All donations go to C.O.P.S., All C-PACT members are encouraged to attend the next C-PACT Meeting, scheduled for September 11, 2013, at 7:00 PM, at the police station. Planning for the Public Safety Day will take place at this meeting.

(Circle)

Baked Goods

Volunteer

Other Vendor

Donation

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Address _____

Community Bulletin Board

Woman's Club - The 4th annual Cheverly Peace Camp was highly successful once again. We send our gratitude to everyone who helped or participated in any way.

Our list of partners includes Carole Howard, Diane Beedle & Adrian Atizado, District #5 Community Fund Grant, Friends of Jolene Ivey, John Rebstock & Terry Doyle, the Langs, Mary Jane Coolen & Ed Terry, Progressive Cheverly, Safe Choice Pharmacy, Sami Popol, the Soccer Club and the Town Council. Our special appreciation to all our members who helped, Little Friends for Peace and, especially the American Legion #108 for great hospitality.

This year the Woman's Club is working to grow membership and focus on Peace activities and camp. We invite you to connect with us to be part of this important effort.

Our next get-together meeting is on Tuesday, September 10 at 7 p.m. at Fratelli's Restaurant. Please come to have dinner (Dutch treat), dessert, coffee or tea, or just stop by. Rsvp Joyce Lang at joycelang@verizon.net / 773-2211 or Robin McClain 773-1369. If you're interested but can't come to Fratelli's, let us know that as well.

Cub Scout Pack 257 is getting ready for another action filled year of camping, conservation, community service and character building. Our first pack meeting will be Wednesday September 4th at the Cheverly American Legion, 7-8pm when we will discuss what youths can do for National Preparedness Month. We will hold a campfire Friday September 13th, 6-8pm at the Town Park Pavilion. October 11-12th we will campout at the American Legion Camp and learn Archery, and Flag Football. Scouting is for boys 6-11 and their families. Contact Membership Chairwoman Michelle at mb_carey@yahoo.com to register or Cubmaster Dave at davidja2@dni.gov for more information.



Cheverly Garden Club - You are invited to our first meeting after summer. September 16, 7:00 PM at the Cheverly United Methodist Church. Jim Dronenbury will speak "how to establish a garden the Jones cannot match" This should be exciting and if you have internet, look up his name. In October Don Hyatt will be back with us, look him up too. Remember the presentation on Azaleas. We may try to have a workshop before this meeting so we can do a pumpkin arrangement or wait until Nov. If you come to the meeting you can add your voice to planning programs and telling us what you want.

In May - that is next Spring, we will be going on a bus trip to Falling Waters, Frank Lloyd Wrights famous house in Pennsylvania. This will be on a first come/pay basis and is open to NCAGC District 1 and others. We will try to have information at the meeting. Bus will leave from Cheverly which makes it easy and offers free and easy safe parking. Contact a garden club person if you are interested. With the help of the Kneipps we have been able to save plants from the burned out home of one of our members and with town help some of the Azaleas will be replanted in town. If you read this you are invited to join us, if you called Ann Gardenhour during the summer to extract information, SORRY but have been out of town, try again and identify it as for the garden club. We want members in town, remember only \$15 a year.

YES we will be making the Boxwood trees for December, look for more dates in future newsletters. Coming to the church building, park in the lot and enter the basement door.

Look for signs, we meet on the fourth floor. Hope to see some new people at the garden club meeting
Ann Gardenhour 301 773 1991.

Cheverly Boy Scout Troop 257 is gearing up for an exciting fall full of outdoor activities. There will be a camping trip to Point Lookout State Park on the weekend of Sep. 14-15 and a camping trip and hike on the weekend of Sep. 28-29. If you or your son want to join the fun, contact Scoutmaster Jeffrey Felten-Green at 301-807-4137. The troop meets Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm at the American Legion, and boys 11 years of age or who have completed 5th grade are eligible to join. Follow us on the web at <http://www.cheverlytroop257.com/>.

Community Bulletin Board

YOU Asked For IT! ZUMBA BACK @ Cheverly Town Hall GYM

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba® program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Go at your own pace and have FUN



Zumba® Fitness – When participants see a Zumba class in action, they can't wait to give it a try. Zumba classes feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring! There's no other fitness class like a Zumba Fitness-Party. It's easy to do, effective and totally exhilarating, often building a deep-rooted community among returning students.

Every Sunday from 7-8pm it's ZUMBA Time.

Monthly Payment Registration (Only)! (All Payments are due the first Sunday of each month in class)

Make checks Payable to: Cheverly Rec Council

Instructor: Neicey V. Contact information:

240-565-5301 zumbafitnesswithneicey@yahoo.com

CHEVERLY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE— Meeting, Tuesday, Sept 3, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Small Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center 6401 Forest Road,. Monthly meeting will report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

All are welcome to join in the activities of the committee! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com to request a copy of the agenda. For more information on the Cheverly Green Plan & greening activities visit: www.greencheverly.org.



Cheverly Working Moms Civic Association (CWM) is sponsoring a 3 hour workshop on learning self development skills to help you make career decisions. Audrey Ichida, Cheverly mom and scientist, is an Integral Coach®, which is a type of life coach. For over a decade she worked as a molecular biologist in various laboratories. In addition to her coaching work she is a consultant for EPA on microbial water quality and risk assessment.

At this workshop you will be introduced to short practices and exercises that are designed to open your awareness in your 3 centers of wisdom: mind (thoughts), heart (emotions), and body (somatic sensation). Tapping into your 3 centers of wisdom can help you make decisions that you can stand behind wholly.

In addition, you will learn and practice the process for uncovering narratives that determine personal beliefs. Awareness of the narratives that guide your life allows you to evaluate how those narratives both open and close possibilities. Although this workshop is designed to help scientists in particular, it is valuable for anyone making career decisions. CWM is sponsoring this workshop as a CWM fundraiser. Although this workshop normally is valued at \$60 per person, Dr. Ichida is donating her time, so CWM can offer this workshop for \$25 per person.

Tickets for this event are available at eventbrite, <https://cwm-workshop.eventbrite.com.%20or/>. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting CWM officer Valerie Green, vgreen@gmail.com by September 25th. Tickets at the door will be \$30 per person by check or cash.

Date: September 29th, 1pm-4pm
Cheverly Town Center

ZUMBA GOLD is low-impact & Zumba Basic is a high impact, easy to follow latin-inspired cardio dance fitness party, perfect for moms at home, work evenings & seniors.

You will relieve stress, have tons of fun and burn lots of calories! Cheverly Community Center, Tuesday 9-10 am & Friday 12:30-1:30 pm, \$56 monthly.

Register: www.smartlink.pgparcs.com - Your Zumba-Gold/Basic Instructor, Ronald Johnson.

Community Bulletin Board

Keep It Local

Buy Local. Shop Small.



Get ready to welcome autumn at Cheverly Community Market! Cheverly Community Market is the place to be in September for the very best in locally produced food, craft and music, as well as informative and entertaining community groups. We have great things to share with you as the season changes – including great bands, terrific Maryland wines, wonderful handcrafted items, and amazing locally produced food. Celebrate the changing seasons with us.

Looking for educational opportunities as the new school year unfolds? Cheverly Community Market is a great place to learn about food – from growing and production to cooking and healthy eating. It's a rare grocery shopping opportunity where it's possible to chat with the people who produce your food...and our vendors love to chat with customers! What a joy to experience new flavors, aromas, and ideas throughout the season, and we're grateful to all of our vendors for bringing us the very best at each Market. Remember, we're a producer-only market, which means that the people that you're buying from are the same people who grow or produce the goods you purchase. Cherries, blueberries, asparagus, and peas in September a tour market? You won't find them. But you will find absolutely delicious local apples, peaches, corn, squash, melons, potatoes, eggplant, broccoli, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, and peppers, in addition to locally grown meat and eggs, and locally baked breads and sweets. We are dedicated to supporting local farmers, business's, and artisans. **Buy Local. Buy Maryland.** Join Cheverly Community Market in supporting small, local businesses operated by people you know.

We've done very well in the America's Farmland Trust Favorite Farmer's Markets of 2013 contest! As of this writing, we are #1 in the state (#22 in the nation), but we still need your support as the contest concludes. Last year, we placed seventh in the United States in the small/boutique market category and we were thrilled. Please vote for us by pledging to spend at least \$10 a week at Cheverly Community Market this season. Your commitment – and your vote – means the world to us. Voting ends on September 9, so visit our blog right away for the link...and thanks!

Cheverly Community Market needs volunteers to help during the season. Can't make the Market every Saturday? There are still many ways you can help and your support is needed. Drop us a line (cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Know someone who is interested in vending at the Market this holiday season? We'll be releasing our 2013 special markets vendor/community group application in mid-September, so if you're interested in joining us, start planning now and keep an eye on our blog. The Thanksgiving Market (November 23) and Holiday Market (December 14) are the biggest of our season, and we look forward to two wonderful events to close out our year – we'd love to have you with us.

We share everything about our season -- news about our vendors, profiles on market personalities, recipes, techniques, food for thought, and more -- to keep you thinking creatively about fresh, local, sustainable food. From our website and blog to Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, flickr, and Vine, to our email alerts, links to all things Cheverly Community Market are on our website: www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com. If you'd like to receive our email alerts or you're interested in obtaining a yard sign to help publicize the Market, send us an email (cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com). We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions...let us hear from you!

September 2013 Market Dates: September 7, September 21—Keep It Local. See you at Cheverly Community Market!

Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC) - September marks the first month of CPRC's 2013-2014 membership season, complete with a new CPRC Board. We would like to give a great big thank you to the outgoing CPRC Board Members...if you see them around town, be sure to thank them for a job well done!

Although you can join or renew your membership anytime of the year online at <http://www.cheverlyparent.org/membership/>, we still have one more market day where you can see our smiling faces in person (until you join us for playgroup on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, that is)! Stop by the Cheverly Community Market on **September 7th** to join or renew your membership. Yearly membership donations are \$20 per family and tax deductible; additional donations are gladly accepted if you so choose (additional donations will be allocated to a scholarship fund.) All donations are used to fund activities, resources, or fundraisers to help families in need, including: thrice-weekly playgroups, an informative website and active list serves, meal services and welcome baskets for new Cheverly parents, classes and workshops, outings to local parks and events (often free or at reduced cost), a winter holiday party, and more!

Members are asked to donate time or materials to at least one event per year. Together we can make Cheverly a great place for kids and families!

We are happy to report that our latest fundraiser, the Spellman School Supply Drive, raised a total of \$1,675 from individuals, the Town and local businesses. This amount was enough to purchase all the required supplies for 48 children as well as provide the school with many things on their back-to-school needs list. Many thanks to all those who donated items or funds to help equip students at Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary with much needed school supplies!

Finally, mark your calendars for the **September 21st** Cheverly Community Market. CPRC will host **Story Time at 10:00am** at the market, as well as holding our annual **Halloween Costume Swap** (yes, it's almost that time)! We're looking forward to a fun Fall season – stay tuned!

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Cheverly American Legion Post 108

Half Way to Saint Patrick's Day Fund Raiser - Saturday September 28: food will begin at 6:00 PM and live music from 7 PM until 11 PM in the Main Hall.

The American Legion Post 108 is having an Irish celebration on September 28 complete with live Irish Music and Irish Dancers. As all true Irish know, this is the second busiest Irish Celebration of the Year and we've had the luck of Erin in putting together a great lineup. We are proud to host the much in demand Irish Singer Brendan Pelan, Neil Foley on fiddle and Hal Cummings "Hal the Piper" on bagpipes, who will perform authentic Irish music for us. We are also pleased to have dancers from Catholic University coming to perform. Admission is a "free will offering" but suggest \$10 per person (kids under 12 are free); additional donations are encouraged. We will have food for an additional charge and all forms of Irish Cheer. We will also be auctioning off items to include a "Basket/Wagon of Irish Cheer."

College Scholarships:

We need to get the word out that the American Legion provides Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars in College Scholarships **every year**; let's get our local high school kids to go after these scholarships!

High School Oratorical Scholarship Program (National winners receive: 1st Place \$18,000, 2nd Place \$16,000, 3rd Place \$14,000. State of Maryland winner receives a \$1,500 scholarship). The purpose of the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Send an email to CheverlyAmericanLegion@yahoo.com or call the Post at 301 773—0108 for more information. "Talking can pay dividends."

Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program. The Worldwide electronics leader Samsung endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million dollars to be administered by the American Legion in 1996. This is meant to show the appreciation for U.S. Veterans who came to Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces. In 2012 we provided nine \$20,000 scholarships and 88 \$1,100 scholarships. To be eligible you must be a high school junior who completed either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program and are a direct descendant of a war-time veteran (meaning eligible for the American Legion). We will be talking about the Boys and Girls State Program in the near future.

The American Legion here in Cheverly is growing --- if you are a Veteran or a descendant of a Veteran -- please contact us to determine your eligibility. Let's get the Post going strong again!

Upcoming Events:

Oct 19: Live Music in the Dug-Out.

Oct 26: Crab Feast

Nov 2: 80th Anniversary Celebration of the Cheverly American Legion

St. Ambrose Catholic Church Yard Sale - A Community Fun Event—Sat, Sept. 14, 9 AM—2 PM

Just three weeks until the St. Ambrose Yard Sale

We have members of our community who do need our help. The proceeds of the sale will go to St. Vincent DePaul Society to reach those in need. This is a real opportunity to do good works, have fun and relieve ourselves of the past that is stored in our attics, basements and storage facilities. We are accepting donated items every Friday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the St. Ambrose Convent on Jason St., across from St. Ambrose Church. These items in turn will be sold in the St. Ambrose Church parking lot on Sept. 14. Children's clothes, puzzles, old tools, small appliances, games, book cases, etc. are welcomed items. ALL FOR CHARITY. Dozens of members of our community are volunteering to make this effort a success. Other groups of the St. Ambrose Parish, i.e. students and parents from the School, members of United Methodist church and the Men's Clubs are also participating. We need Boy Scout Den leaders, and coaches to volunteer. It's time to pull out those precious particles of the past that you know you won't use again, and let's help do the good work for the poor and the needy people of our community. IF you have questions, please call Pat Wickersty at 301-773-7610 patwickersty@yahoo.com or Kurt January 301-356-0868 koachjanuary@yahoo.com or Riley Grimes 301-772-5794 riley_grimes@hotmail.com.



THE AMERICAN LEGION in Cheverly MD, Post 108



**Shrimp Feast 24 August 2013
4-7 PM
\$25.00 advanced ticket
\$30 at the door**



**Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day
September 28 2013
7-11 PM
Suggested donation: \$10.00**



**Live Music in the Dug-Out
Oct 19 2013 8-11 PM
Donations accepted**



**Crab Feast 26 Oct 2013
4-7 PM
\$30 advanced ticket
\$35 at the door**



**Cheverly American Legion
80th Anniversary Celebration
2nd Nov 2013**

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Hey, runners, walkers, and folks who just want to have a free breakfast and visit with Cheverly friends...Please attend the annual **Run/Walk for SIDS** (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) on Sunday, Sept. 8 between 7 am and noon at Buddy Attick Park in Greenbelt, a 12 minute drive away.

The Adult (ages 10 and up) 3.0 mile race will start at 8 am, with same-day registration starting at 7 am. (You can register in advance online at GetMeRegistered.com.)

This year the event is **more kid-friendly**, with the Kids' Fun Race for kids ages 9 and under starting AFTER the adult race, at 9 am. There will also be **fun games such as 3-legged races, potato sack races, and bean bag tosses starting at around 10 am.**

At 9:15 am, there will be an Opening Ceremony and Race Awards presentation, with Mayor Mike Callahan as emcee. The Adults Run is being professionally timed by the Prince George's Running Club. The kids' run is free and the Adult Run for ages 10 and up is \$20 in advance online and \$25 same-day.

Walkers' registration starts at 8 am onsite, and folks walk anytime between 9:30 am and noon. (The Opening Ceremony and Race Awards presentation is at 9:15 am.)

Event extras: Free breakfast! Guitar sing-along with Jim, David, and Jack Stemmler and friends. Face-painting clown will entertain your kids. Pets on leashes welcome at the Walk. Actress and spokesperson Gabrielle Christian will attend this year.

To pre-register for the Walk, go to www.SidsSurvivalGuide.org, or just show up the morning of the Walk. Phone Joani or Gabe Horchler at 301-773-9671 or cell 301-802-7445 to register or if you have questions. Donations may be mailed to PO Box 2426 in Hyattsville 20784, or dropped through the Horchler's mailslot. Email sidses@aol.com for more info.

Our mission is to raise funds for SIDS research and support for families, and to help fund free Cribs for Kids for Infants at Risk and Teen Parenting programs in Prince George's County. The Horchlers lost their only son, Christian Gabriel, to SIDS in 1991 and host this event to honor him and other SIDS babies.

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, **Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek**, on Sat. September 28 between 9 am and noon for our monthly Work Party.

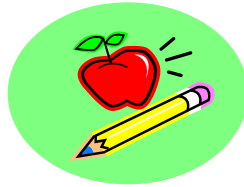
Thanks to the generosity of Chuck Smith (Dan's dad) we now have a small tractor with which we will be spreading wood chips on the trail. This takes preparatory work, such as putting down newspapers under where the wood chips will be spread, so many hands are needed.

Other tasks that can always be done include removing invasive plants, such as wisteria. We'll meet at the Arbor Street entrance to the trail. Directions: Starting at the Cheverly 7-11 store, go one block north down Cheverly Ave. Make a right onto Arbor St. and go two blocks until it dead-ends. On your right is the Arbor Street entrance to the trail. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. As always, school community service hours are available. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Joani Horchler at 301-802-7445 (cell) or

Join us as **Progressive Cheverly's** monthly forums resume on Thursday, Sept. 5th with: **Everything You Wanted to Know About Obamacare in Maryland.** Get your questions answered before sign-up for coverage under the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") begins on October 1. Hear from expert Leni Preston, Chair, Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform (www.mdhealthcarereform.org). Learn what the insurance options are for all age groups, whether you are single or part of a family; what it will cost; whether you might be eligible for a subsidy; what coverage is available under the expanded Medicaid program; etc. The Forum will be held Thursday, Sept. 5th, 7:00 pm at the Hoyer School Cafeteria, 2300 Belview Ave. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your neighbors and friends. Information on the Maryland program is available through the official state website: www.marylandhealthconnection.gov. You can also sign up there to get regular updates about the Maryland Health Connection by email.

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Email contact links at the website

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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

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| Thur | Sept 12 | 7:00 pm | Point@Cheverly presentation |
| Thur | Sept 12 | 8:00 pm | TOWN MEETING |
| Thur | Sept 12 | 7:00 pm | Building Usage Meeting |
| Tue | Sept 24 | 7:00 pm | REC Meeting |
| Wed | Sept 25 | 5:30-8 pm | PUBLIC SAFETY DAY |
| Thur | Sept 26 | 7:30 pm | WORKSESSION |

CHEVERLY WEBSITE cheverly-md.gov

You can easily contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & Council pages of the website.

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COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ Zumba Gold/Basic - Tues 9-10am, Fri 12:30-1:30pm
- ◆ Green Infrastructure - Meeting, Sept 3, 7:30-9:30 pm
- ◆ Working Moms - Fundraiser - Sept. 29 1-4pm
- ◆ Woman's Club - Meeting, Sept 10, 7 pm at Fratelli's
- ◆ Garden Club - Meeting, Sept. 16, 7 pm at CUMC
- ◆ Zumba Fitness - Sunday 7-8 pm
- ◆ CPRC - Sept. 21 Story Time at the Market
- ◆ St. Ambrose Church Yard Sale - Sept. 14, 9-2 pm
- ◆ American Legion Post 108—Scholarships—See Flyer
- ◆ Cheverly Farmers Market - Sept.. 7th and 21st.
- ◆ FLBC—Sat. Sept. 28 9- noon—Work Party
- ◆ Cub Scout Pack 257 - Meeting Sept. 4 7-8 pm
Campfire Fri, Sept. 13 6-8.
- ◆ Progressive Cheverly - Forum Sept. 5, 7:00 pm